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The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

- An immigration database management system for managing immigration related 1. data stored in at least one database table comprising
 - (a) a user interface component that receives user requests;
 - (b) a logic component for controlling the processing of the immigration related data;
 - (c) a data access component for creating the connections to the database tables; and
 - (d) a server component for accessing and storing the data in the database tables.
- The system of Claim 1, wherein the user interface component for receiving user requests comprises of at least one of a plurality of document interface methods in VISUAL BASICTM.
- The system of Claim 1, wherein the server component for accessing and storing the 3. data in the database tables comprises database management methods in SQLTM.
- The system of Claim 3, wherein the server component for accessing and storing the 4. data in the database tables comprises database management methods in MSJETTM.
- A method in a computer system for providing a user-interface component for 5. receiving user inputs comprising:
 - while running an immigration database management system for managing immigration related data stored in one or more database tables, iteratively performing the steps (a)-(c):
 - (a) displaying a home screen;
 - (b) receiving one or more requests related to immigration case management; and in response to the requests displaying the results of the requests associated with the processing of immigration information; and
 - (c) managing immigration cases.
 - The method of Claim 5, wherein the request includes one or more of: 6.
 - (a) reminder;
 - (b) status documents;

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- (c) report menu;
- (d) projects;
- (e) standard reports;
- (f) projects due;
- (g) companies;
- (h) page;
- (i) timeline; and
- (j) exit.
- 7. The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of managing immigration cases comprises receiving a request to add a new article and in response to the request receiving and storing information associated with the new article.
 - 8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the article comprises a person; an organization; a project; a status document; a site; and a page.
 - 9. The method of Claim 7, wherein the step of receiving and storing information includes:

while running managing immigration cases, iteratively performing steps (a)-(d):

- (a) obtaining person, organization or project information;
- (b) determining whether the information entered is a project and in response to whether the information entered is a project:
 - (i) obtaining the employer related information;
 - (ii) obtaining the contact information;
- (c) determining whether a user selects add address information and in response to whether a user selects add address information entering:
 - (i) beneficiary information;
 - (ii) status document information;
 - (iii)further information;
- (d) determining whether a user selects to add additional family members or projects an in response to whether the user selects add additional family member or projects; storing the information in a database table.
- 10. The method of Claim 9, further comprising: in response to whether the information entered is a project; defining a project.

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- The method of Claim 10, wherein the steps of defining a project includes: 11.
 - (a) assigning events;
 - (b) assigning a timeline;
 - (c) assigning a target and actual dates; and
 - (d) assigning next actions.
- The method of Claim 11, wherein the step of assigning an event to a project further comprises an event for when a project is first opened.
- The method of Claim 11, wherein the step of assigning an event to a project further 13. comprises an event for when a project is to proceed with preparation for filing.
- The method of Claim 11, wherein the step of assigning an event to a project further comprises an event for when a project is filed.
- The method of Claim 11, wherein the step of assigning an event to a project further comprises an event when a decision is received on a project.
- The method of Claim 11, wherein the step of assigning an event to a project further comprises an event for when a project is closed.